CITY OF LAFAYETTE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

TINY TOTS

Session "C"
Date: October 1 - 31 , 2012

Fall Harvest

October is a month for exploration. We will be looking at and talking about the colorful leaves. We will talk about harvesting fruits and vegetables. We will also do a lot of hands on projects. Through all of this our students will become aware of the change of seasons.

Finally Finished!!!

The new surfacing and equipment are installed and the children are enjoying the new space. Be sure to ask your child what they think of these upgrades. If you get the opportunity we also encourage all parents to go out and check it out for yourself as well. It is very bouncy!

Special Points of Interest

- Scholastic Book Orders Due: Friday, Oct. 5th
- Fire Station Field Trip on Monday, Oct.8th & Tuesday, Oct.9th
- No Class: Friday, Oct. 12th , Parent Teacher Conferences - Be sure to sign up with your child's teacher.
- Class Pictures: Monday, Oct. 29th & Tuesday, Oct. 30th
- Preschool Payment Due: Thursday, Nov. 1st

Parent Teacher Communication

If your child will be out sick or not in class for any reason, please let us know. You may contact your teacher, via email at:

Ms. Kris

kris.mahar@cityoflafayette.com

Ms. Diana

diana.falloon@cityoflafayette.com

OR you can call the Front Desk @

303-665-0469 and leave a message.

You may also call or email Karen Snortland at: 303-665-0469 ext 3458, karens@cityoflafayette.com

October Birthdays

Does your child have an October birthday? Great! We are looking forward to celebrating with them! Please let us know, in advance if you will be brining in a special snack for the class to enjoy.

Thank you!

Autumn Winds

Sung to "Ring Around the Rosie"

Autumn winds
begin to blow

Colored leaves fall
fast and slow

Whirling twirling all
around

Till at last they touch
the ground

Tips for a Successful "Hug and Go"

Say goodbye. The simplest of the steps, it's also the hardest to do. But do it you must. Give your child a hug and a kiss, tell them you'll be back soon and then walk out the door. Don't delay, don't give her "one more minute," don't linger, hoping that she'll miraculously start smiling and laughing, happy to go and play with her preschool chums. You've brought her to preschool and now it's time to let her get to the business of being a preschooler.

Trust your child's teacher. Preschool teachers, even newly-minted ones, know kids. They've done this before and have many ways and methods in their bag of tricks to help calm your little one down. From redirecting to a new activity to simply giving your child a hug and offering comfort, preschool teachers are masters at knowing what works and what doesn't when it comes to making kids happy.

How to Manage Preschool Separation Anxiety
By Amanda Rock, About.com Guide

Learning Adventures

Math

- Matching Pumpkins
- Pumpkin Sorting
- Counting Fire Trucks

Movement

- Red Light Green Light
- Rolling Pumpkins
- Dancing with Ribbons
- Nature Walk

Art

- Placemat Making
- Making Spider Webs
- Painted Pumpkins

Gym Time

- Gym time is on Tue/Thur
- Please wear tennis shoes on these days!

Songs

- Five Little Pumpkins
- I'm a Little Pumpkin
- Wheels on a Fire Truck

Literacy

- Working Hard with the Busy Fire Truck
- My Fire Engine
- Baby Bats Lullaby
- Stellaluna

Fine Motor Skills

- ABC Lacing Cards
- Color Sorting
- Lacing Beads

Science

- Magnifying Leaves
- Nuts and Bolts
- Leaf Rubbing

Dramatic Play

- Costume Parade
- Fire Station
- Laundry Fold

Circle-Time Fun

- Bats are Sleeping
- Baking Soda & Vinegar
- Changing of Seasons

Sensory & Water Table

- Sink and Float Pumpkins
- Pumpkin with Golf Tees
- Red and Yellow items